

May 20, 2010

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.

President of the Senate  
H-107 State House  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 496 – *Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System – Deferred Retirement Option Program – Participation*.

This bill clarifies that “creditable service” does not include unused sick leave with regard to determining eligibility to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) by members of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System and clarifies that “creditable service” does not include unused sick leave with regard to determining the length of time members of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System may participate in the DROP.

House Bill 773, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 496.

Sincerely,

Governor